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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2010, and having a shortened statutory period for reply which expired on April 6, 2010. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.